

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title: insert:

The present application is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371 based on International Application No. PCT/EP04/02740, filed on 3/17/2004, and further claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Germany Patent Application No. 103 12 958.8 filed on 3/24/2003.

Page 1, line 3: cancel "Description" and substitute therefore the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, lines 4-5: change to read as follows:

The present invention relates to a device for variable actuation of gas exchange valves of internal combustion engines ~~of the introductory portion of claim 1.~~

Page 2, after the second full paragraph insert:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, lines 1-3 from the end: cancel these three lines in their entirety.

Page 5, before lines 1-2 from the end insert:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 6, before the last paragraph insert:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION